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## Garcia Collecting Cellular Phones

### *Phones to be Donated to Help Domestic Violence Victims*

**LANSING-** For the fifth consecutive year, Senator Valde Garcia (R-Howell) along with district businesses are collecting used cellular devices to help victims of domestic violence.

“Many individuals who are abused usually find themselves without the resources they need to get help, with one of those resources being the use of a telephone to call 911,” said Garcia.

Collected phones will then be sent to Donate A Phone, a division of the Wireless Foundation, where they will be re-programmed so that they can only be used to contact emergency officials when in trouble.

Garcia explained that the phones offer immediate assistance. Victims do not have run from their attacker and then find a phone to call the authorities.

All cellular phones will be accepted. They can be dropped-off at the following locations:

- **Big K Mart, 2500 East M-21, Corunna**
- **A.R. Kramer Flooring, 751 South Latson Road, Howell**
- **Coastal Communications, 110 West Grand River, Howell**
- **Coastal Communications, 333 East Grand River, Brighton**
- **M-59 Mobil Gas Station, 10110 M-59, Hartland**
- **Auto One/Hometown Wireless, 9981 East Grand River, Brighton**
- **Ace Hardware, 340 South Cedar, Mason**
- **Senator Garcia’s office, S-132 Capitol Bldg., Capitol Ave., Lansing**

“October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month,” said Garcia. “This is a great time to take steps to promote safer communities and households,” said Garcia. “We need to give individuals the tools they need to protect themselves and their children. I hope everyone in the community participates in this program.”

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All of the businesses listed have participated in the program since its inception with the exception of A. R. Kramer Flooring, who graciously decided to demonstrate their support for the drive by joining the effort this year.

“Each of these businesses should be commended for making the 22<sup>nd</sup> District a safer place to live,” added Garcia. “They have taken it upon themselves to ensure their neighbors are safe and have a means to get help.”

The campaign will last through the holiday season. For more information regarding the collection, or if there is not a drop-off center near your home, please contact the Senator’s office at (517) 373-2420.